

Statement of Vice-Chair Rosemary E. Rodriguez Regarding Request by Tova Wang, Co-Author of the Draft Voter Fraud and Voter Intimidation Report for the Election Assistance Commission April 26, 2007

On April 16, 2007, Ms. Tova Wang, formerly a contract employee of the United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC), made the following request of the EAC: "to discuss with third parties any and all aspects of her work for the EAC and to release her research and other information relating to her work for the EAC and the draft report that she submitted to the EAC."

Today, Ms. Wang issued a public statement restating her request to the EAC, pointing out that we have not yet responded to her April 16 request. As a member of the EAC, I am compelled to comment on her request. I cannot bind the Commission, as one member, but I believe that the EAC should immediately respond to Ms. Wang's request. I further believe that releasing Ms. Wang to discuss her work for the EAC will be a positive step as we endeavor to operate with more transparency.

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